

REMARKS

In the Office Action mailed February 27, 2003 the Examiner noted that claims 1-18 were pending, and rejected claims 1-18. Claims 1, 8, 11, 13 and 15-18 have been amended, new claims 19-22 have been added and, thus, in view of the forgoing claims 1-22 remain pending for reconsideration which is requested. No new matter has been added. The Examiner's rejections and requirements are traversed below.

In the Action the Examiner required a new title and one has been provided in consideration of the Examiner's comments.

Page 2 of the Office Action rejects claims 1-18 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Eggleston and De La Huerga.

The present invention is directed to a network searching system that searches two different databases for pages accessible through the network, such as the Internet. The first database is a database of keywords that correspond to pages that are published on the network. For example, this first database is like a database of a typical search engine, such as GOOGLE. The second database is a database of keywords that correspond to pages that are not published on the network and cannot be found by the typical search engine. The searching system searches the first database when a search request is received that is from a search service. As a result of such a search the user is presented with search results for published pages. The second database and the first database are searched when the search request is received from a specific web page. As a result of the web page specific search request, the user is provided with search results for both published and unpublished web pages. A search request includes not only a keyword but also an identifier of the source of the search request, commonly in the form of a source URL (universal resource locator) that allows the search engine to route the search results back to the source. The search request from the specific web page (or specifically identifiable URL), because it is designed to search unpublished pages, could be called a search with an unpublished page search identifier or a source identifier that corresponds to a search page for searching unpublished network accessible pages.

The independent claims of the present application emphasize the above-discussed features of the present invention.

Eggelston discusses an incentive award system operable over a network. Eggelston does not discuss or address the searching of published and unpublished page indices depending upon the source of the search term as in the present invention.

De La Huerga discusses a system for providing a uniform addressing scheme that will allows keywords to be used to obtain a unique address for a data record using a standardized addressing scheme. De La Huerga, like Eggelston, does not discuss or address the searching of published and unpublished page indices depending upon the source of the search term as in the present invention.

It is submitted that the invention of independent claims distinguishes over the prior art and withdrawal of the rejection is requested.

The dependent claims depend from the above-discussed independent claims and are patentable over the prior art for the reasons discussed above. The dependent claims also recite additional features not taught or suggested by the prior art. For example, claim 6 emphasizes that the specific page or source identifier not only corresponds a search page for searching unpublished network accessible pages but to specific input field on that page. The prior art does not teach or suggest such an identifier. It is submitted that the dependent claims are independently patentable over the prior art.

It is submitted that the claims are not taught, disclosed or suggested by the prior art. The claims are therefore in a condition suitable for allowance. An early Notice of Allowance is requested.

If any further fees, other than and except for the issue fee, are necessary with respect to this paper, the U.S.P.T.O. is requested to obtain the same from deposit account number 19-3935.

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